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Via FAX

Mr. Vernon Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1915 K Street NW
Washington, D. C. 20423-0001

Ref. AB 33 (Sub No, 202X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Council is requesting an additional 180 days in which to complete its negotiations for the acquisition of the soon to be abandoned Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way from Milepost 179.80 near Chapin to Milepost 173.90 near Sheffield, in Franklin County, Iowa.

The Union Pacific Railroad has extended the ITC its agreement for more time in which to negotiate for the Chapin to Sheffield line by their letter dated March 5, 2004.

Thanking you for your kind attention to our request, we remain

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

Affiliates: American Discovery Trail Society-American Hiking Society-Rails/Trails Conservancy-American Trails



March 5, 2004

VIA UPS NEXT DAY AIR

Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 "K" Street, N.W., Room 504
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Proposed Abandonment of the Sheffield Industrial Lead M.P. 179.80 near Chapin, Iowa to M.P. 173.90 near Sheffield, Iowa, a distance of 5.9 miles in Franklin County, Iowa; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 202X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received the attached request from the Iowa Trails Council dated March 3, 2004 for a 180 day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition under the provisions 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 regarding that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way known as the Sheffield Industrial Lead from Milepost 179.80 near Chapin, Iowa to Milepost 173.90 near Sheffield Iowa, a distance of 5.9 miles in Franklin County, Iowa. That portion of the Line from Milepost 178.0 to Milepost 179.80 near Chapin, Iowa is being reclassified to industrial trackage for the benefit of the grain elevator at that location. Therefore, the Union Pacific is only willing to continue to negotiate with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the property for trail use from Milepost 173.90 near Sheffield, Iowa to Milepost 178.0 near Chapin, Iowa and supports the Council's request to negotiate for a period of 180 days with regard to that portion of the Line only. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

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